

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Title: IMPLANTABLE DEFIBRILLATORS WITH PROGRAMMABLE CROSS-CHAMBER BLANKING

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Conclusion

Claims 1-2 are amended, claims 3-5 are canceled and claims 6-10 are added herein. Claims 1-2 and 6-10 are now pending. The Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to the examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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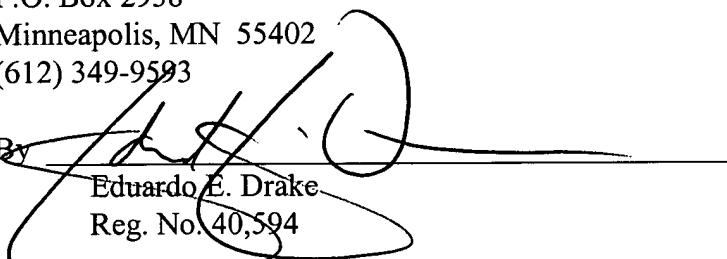
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